

**ADDENDUM TO
2012
OFFICIAL JOURNAL
and
LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR
of the
VETOED MESSAGES OF HOUSE BILLS**

**Thirty-Eighth Regular Session
of the Legislature
Under the Adoption of the Constitution of 1974**

**BEGUN AND HELD IN THE CITY OF
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA
March 12, 2012 thru June 4, 2012**

The information in this addendum to the Official Journal of the Thirty-Eighth Regular Session of the Legislature under the adoption of the Constitution of 1974 contain the veto messages that were received after the legislative session sine' die adjournment of June 4, 2012.

**ALFRED W. SPEER
CLERK
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**



Messages from the Governor

The following messages from the Governor were received on the dates indicated:

STATE OF LOUISIANA OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Bobby Jindal
Governor

June 8, 2012

The Honorable Alfred W. Speer
Clerk of the House of Representatives
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Re: House Bill No. 38 by Representative Jones

Dear Mr. Speer:

House Bill No. 38 by Representative Jones forgives a debt owed to a retirement system by a retiree who received retirement benefits while rehired. The bill sets a dangerous precedent for legislation to grant special benefits to select individuals.

Louisiana's public pension systems impose a large burden on Louisiana taxpayers. We cannot continue to grant additional benefits as we struggle to get our retirement debt and costs under control. The boards of both the Municipal Employees Retirement System and Louisiana State Employees Retirement System have requested a veto.

For these reasons, I have vetoed House Bill No. 38 and have returned it to the House of Representatives.

Sincerely,

BOBBY JINDAL
Governor

STATE OF LOUISIANA OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Bobby Jindal
Governor

June 8, 2012

The Honorable Alfred W. Speer
Clerk of the House of Representatives
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Re: House Bill No. 865 by Representative Barrow

Dear Mr. Speer:

House Bill No. 865 by Representative Barrow gives the newly constituted Capital Area Transit System (CATS) Board the authority to raise fees by more than twenty-five percent in any twelve-month period without the prior authorization of the appropriate parish or city governing authority.

This bill also weakens oversight of the CATS System provided by East Baton Rouge Parish.

For these reasons, I have vetoed House Bill No. 865 and have returned it to the House of Representatives.

Sincerely,

BOBBY JINDAL
Governor

STATE OF LOUISIANA OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Bobby Jindal
Governor

June 8, 2012

The Honorable Alfred W. Speer
Clerk of the House of Representatives
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Re: House Bill No. 988 by Representative Jones

Dear Mr. Speer:

House Bill No. 988 by Representative Jones retroactively increases benefits for certain adult probation and parole officers within Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS).

The beneficiaries of the changes in House Bill No. 988 are not asked to pay more to support these increased costs, even though adult probation and parole officers who have received similar increases in benefits were required to fund the upgrade. LASERS has asked for a veto of the bill.

Louisiana's public pension systems impose a large burden on Louisiana taxpayers. We cannot continue to raise state retirement benefits at the expense of other critical areas like higher education and healthcare.

I vetoed House Bill No. 478 of the 2011 Regular Session, which included similar provisions.

For these reasons, I have vetoed House Bill No. 988 and have returned it to the House of Representatives.

Sincerely,

BOBBY JINDAL
Governor

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**STATE OF LOUISIANA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

Bobby Jindal
Governor

June 8, 2012

The Honorable Alfred W. Speer
Clerk of the House of Representatives
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Re: House Bill No. 1104 by Representative Katrina Jackson

Dear Mr. Speer:

House Bill No. 1104 creates duplicative and burdensome reporting requirements for agencies administering tax incentives.

The Louisiana Department of Economic Development issues regular reports and analyses on its incentive programs. The Louisiana Department of Revenue creates a comprehensive Tax Exemption Budget which covers all tax incentives administered by state agencies every year. Furthermore, Act 365 of 2011 provides for a review of the Tax Exemption Budget by the House Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs every odd-numbered year.

For this reason, I have vetoed House Bill No. 1104 and have returned it to the House of Representatives.

Sincerely,

BOBBY JINDAL
Governor

**STATE OF LOUISIANA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

Bobby Jindal
Governor

June 8, 2012

The Honorable Alfred W. Speer
Clerk of the House of Representatives
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Re: House Bill No. 1106 by Representative Jackson

Dear Mr. Speer:

K-12 education is fully funded at a level of \$3.41 billion through the Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) in Fiscal Year 2013. House Bill No. 1106 provides for an additional \$10 million outside of the

MFP, but does not have a corresponding appropriation in House Bill No. 1.

Therefore, I have vetoed House Bill No. 1106 and have returned it to the House of Representatives.

Sincerely,

BOBBY JINDAL
Governor

**STATE OF LOUISIANA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

Bobby Jindal
Governor

June 15, 2012

Mr. Alfred W. Speer
Clerk of the House of Representatives
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802

Mr. Glenn Koepp
Secretary of the Senate
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802

RE: House Bill No. 1 of the 2012 Regular Session of the Legislature provides for the ordinary operating expenses of state government for Fiscal Year 2012-2013

Dear Gentlemen: As authorized by Article III, Section 18(B), and more particularly, Article IV, Section 5(G)(1) of the Constitution of Louisiana, I have exercised my right to veto 10 items of the General Appropriation Bill. I respectfully request that you deliver on my behalf the following message to the members of the Legislature:

This budget builds on our efforts to reform and restructure government to improve the delivery of services, save taxpayer dollars and position our state for more economic growth. It also represents a prudent approach that balances spending restraint with practical solutions that protect critical services like higher education and healthcare.

The budget reduces the number of appropriated state government positions by 6,177, which brings the total number of positions reduced since 2008 to 16,058. Since January 2008, the total number of state employees has already been reduced from more than 100,000 to less than 88,000 - the lowest level in more than 20 years, even before the new position reductions authorized by this budget.

The state General Fund portion of the budget is \$22 million less than the current-year budget. Total state funding included in the budget is \$100 million less than the current year.

I have vetoed the following items in House Bill No. 1:

Veto Message No. 1
Page 54, lines 45-51, and Page 55, lines 1-15:

This will reduce funding to streamline the department by realigning its expenditures to spending patterns based on a three-year average and will help to comply with the \$15 million preamble adjustment, and reflects the fact that the department has four funded vacant positions; therefore, I am vetoing this item.

Veto Message No. 2
Page 75, lines 4-6:

This activity has been adequately funded and this veto will help to comply with the \$15 million preamble adjustment; therefore, I am vetoing this item.

Veto Message No. 3
Page 76, lines 39-41:

This item exceeds the projected revenue available from the official Revenue Estimating Conference forecast and any unobligated fund balance; therefore, I am vetoing this item.

Veto Message No. 4
Page 93, lines 1-40:

The consolidation of J. Levy Dabadie Correctional Center into Avoyelles Correctional Center allows the state to streamline the Department of Corrections while still providing the same services and will help to comply with the \$15 million preamble adjustment; therefore, I am vetoing this item.

Veto Message No. 5
Page 130, lines 7-20:

This language is unnecessary to achieve the goals and objectives of the department; therefore, I am vetoing this item.

Veto Message No. 6
Page 130, lines 30-34:

The Department of Health and Hospitals needs to have flexibility in implementing reimbursement methodologies; therefore, I am vetoing this item.

Veto Message No. 7
Page 130, lines 39-46:

Requiring this approval before rules can be promulgated would cause delays in the implementation of the service, reduce budgeted savings by increasing the expenses of the initiative, and cause the budget to be out of balance; therefore, I am vetoing this item.

Veto Message No. 8
Page 130, lines 47-50:

The implementation of this amendment would limit the budgetary discretion of the department during fiscally challenging times; therefore, I am vetoing this item.

Veto Message No. 9
Page 131, lines 19-21:

This amendment would increase the expenses of the program and cause the budget to be out of balance; therefore, I am vetoing this item.

Veto Message No. 10
Page 282, lines 23-30:

House Bill No. 183 of the 2012 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature was not enacted into law; therefore, I am vetoing this item.

Sincerely,

BOBBY JINDAL
Governor

**STATE OF LOUISIANA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

Bobby Jindal
Governor

June 15, 2012

The Honorable Alfred W. Speer
Clerk of the House of Representatives
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Re: House Bill No. 183 by Representative Leger

Dear Mr. Speer:

House Bill No. 183 by Representative Leger diverts the first \$1.8 million dollars away from the Support Education in Louisiana First (SELF) Fund, a fund used to support salary expenses for K-12 and higher education, to a new Casino Support Services Fund.

House Bill No. 183 restructures the revenue flow into the SELF Fund and imperils future funding for K-12 and higher education salaries. The objective of the bill is to fund the City of New Orleans' casino support services contract, which has already been achieved through HB 1.

For these reasons, I have vetoed House Bill No. 183 and have returned it to the House of Representatives.

Sincerely,

BOBBY JINDAL
Governor

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**STATE OF LOUISIANA
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Bobby Jindal
Governor

June 15, 2012

The Honorable Alfred W. Speer
Clerk of the House of Representatives
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Re: House Bill No. 823 by Representative Greene

Dear Mr. Speer:

House Bill No. 823 by Representative Greene conflicts with House Bill No. 1014 which became Act 429 of 2012.

The Louisiana Real Estate Appraisers Board has requested a veto on the basis that "Allowing HB 823 to become law would not only be duplicative of Act 429, but would undo the federally required technical amendments now part of Act 429."

Additionally, the Louisiana Real Estate Appraisers Board states that "Act 429 represents the combined work and support of all stakeholders, including the Homebuilders Association, Louisiana Realtors Association, Louisiana Bankers Association, and both Federal and State Appraisal Institutes."

For these reasons, I have vetoed House Bill No. 823 and have returned it to the House of Representatives.

Sincerely,

BOBBY JINDAL
Governor

**STATE OF LOUISIANA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

Bobby Jindal
Governor

June 15, 2012

The Honorable Alfred W. Speer
Clerk of the House of Representatives
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Re: House Bill No. 934 by Representative Ligi

Dear Mr. Speer:

House Bill No. 934 continues an automobile rental tax which is set to expire. I have made a commitment to the taxpayers of Louisiana to oppose all attempts to raise taxes.

For this reason, I have vetoed House Bill No. 934 and have returned it to the House of Representatives.

Sincerely,

BOBBY JINDAL
Governor

**STATE OF LOUISIANA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

Bobby Jindal
Governor

June 15, 2012

The Honorable Alfred W. Speer
Clerk of the House of Representatives
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Re: House Bill No. 971 by Representative Barrow

Dear Mr. Speer:

House Bill No. 971 continues an automobile rental tax which is set to expire. I have made a commitment to the taxpayers of Louisiana to oppose all attempts to raise taxes.

For this reason, I have vetoed House Bill No. 971 and have returned it to the House of Representatives.

Sincerely,

BOBBY JINDAL
Governor

**STATE OF LOUISIANA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

Bobby Jindal
Governor

June 15, 2012

Honorable Alfred W. Speer
Clerk of the House of Representatives
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

Honorable Glenn Koepp
Secretary of the Senate
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

Dear Gentlemen:

Since the 2012 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature adjourned, I have sent to you veto messages and returned the instruments for the following ten (10) House and eleven (11) Senate bills:

House Bill Vetoes: HB 38, HB 133, HB 183, HB 823, HB 865, HB 934, HB 971, HB 988, HB 1104 and HB 1106;

Senate Bill Vetoes: SB 226, SB 321, SB 350, SB 351, SB 362, SB 363, SB 365, SB 577, SB 629, SB 673 and SB 677.

I have also sent you veto messages with reference to line items in House Bill No. 1.

This completes my consideration of all bills passed during the Regular Session of 2012. I am sending this notice to you to fulfill the requirements of Article III, Section 18 of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 24:10.

Sincerely,

BOBBY JINDAL,
Governor

